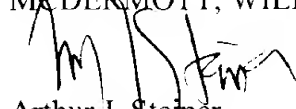


REMARKS

The above-referenced application is amended to delete the multiple dependency of claims 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, and 12 to avoid the multiple dependent claim filing fee. Entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

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